GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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REFUND OF LOSSES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various States particularly West Bengal have incurred huge loss while making payments to the jute growers for procurement of their jute under the Minimum Support Price Scheme during each of the last three years and current jute season;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the certain States particularly West Bengal have made many request for getting refunds from Jute Corporation of India (JCI) or Union Government for their loss incurred on payment of Minimum Support Price for jute;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government on the request of States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The JCI is the official agency of Government of India to purchase raw jute from jute growers at the Minimum Support Price time to time declared by the Government of India. West Bengal State Co-operative Marketing Federation Limited (BENFED) is also making the purchase under Minimum Support Price as an agent of JCI wherein all the jute purchased by them under MSP is delivered to the mills against linkage. The JCI is making payment of Minimum Support Price, conversion cost and actual transportation rate to the BENFED under this arrangement. Therefore, there is no loss to them in working as agent of JCI for purchase of MSP.

(b): Not applicable.

(c): No such request is pending with JCI for loss incurred at MSP by them.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.